



MOUNTAIN SPRINGS CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Mountain Springs Fire Station, State Hwy 160, Mountain Springs, NV 89161

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CALL TO ORDER

- A. This meeting, being legally noticed and posted in conformance with Nevada in conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law, was called to order at approximately 6:35 p.m. by Berg.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Board Members:

David Berg - Chair
Tanya Harrah - Vice-Chair
Bruce Jones
Carol Hignite, Secretary

Posting Locations:

Mountain Springs Fire Station, SR 160, Mtn. Springs, NV
Mountain Springs Fire Station Mail Cluster
Mountain Springs Saloon, 19050 SR 160, Mtn. Springs, NV
Pinon Street Mail Cluster

PROCEDURES & CONDUCT

1. This meeting has been properly noticed and posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
2. Please turn off or mute cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices.
3. Please take all private and other conversations not related to the agenda outside.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. The April 15, 2015 agenda was unanimously approved as written; Motion by Harrah.
2. The March 11, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved as written; Motion by Harrah.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This is a period devoted to comment by the general public about items on this agenda. If you wish to speak to the Board about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the "Public Comments" period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes. Please step to the front of the room to address the Council, clearly state your name and address and

please spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Council wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the Council by majority vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discuss and decide upon a date for the annual community clean-up. Discuss the possibility of including a community yard sale this year.

The annual clean up, bbq with a community yard sale added this year, will take place at the MSVFD, on May 16th, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 3 containers will be brought in by Republic Services. 9 a.m. clean up starting, 11 a.m. bbq, 1-4 p.m. community yard sale. Meggan will mail out flyers to the community and Carol will post flyers at the appropriate bulletin boards.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Discuss any updates to the SR160 road widening project. No updates at this time.
2. Cody McKee, Staff Biologist, Game Division, of NDOW, will be present to discuss the potential impacts to wildlife of the SR160 improvements near Mountain Springs. Others present and contact information is as follows:
Brad Hardenbrook, NDOW, Habitat Division, Southern Region (LV),
(702) 486-5127, #3600, bhrdnbrk@ndow.org
Nova Simpson, NDOT, Environmental Scientist, (Carson City)
(775) 888-7035, nsimpson@ndot.state.nv.us
Katie Kleinick, NDOT, (So. NV) Intern
Cody McKee, NDOW, Big Game Data Coordinator, Reno
(775) 688-1525, cmckee@ndow.org
Tonight's discussion is a general concept with optional avenues only. No decisions or proposals will be presented until next fall.
The highest number of wildlife collisions reported from mile marker 16 through mile marker 26 occurs between mile markers 20 through 22. Mountain Springs is located between these mile markers, 20-22. Wildlife mainly subject to collisions are Bighorn Sheep, Elk and Mule Deer. The highest collision months are May and November. Reports of collisions to NDOW from 2006 through 2014 were at a 30% low estimation of 81 collisions. Of the 81 reported collisions, 5 were Bighorn Sheep at mile marker 19, 65 were Mule Deer at mile markers 18 -30, and 11 were Elk at mile markers 20-24. NDOW gets their statistics from NHP.

Suggestions to help wildlife safely cross the highway would be to build animal safety crossings above the highway which would increase road safety and reduce collisions by redirecting wildlife out of the way of oncoming traffic. This can only be successful with 8 foot fencing bordering the highway. Three hypothetical options of fencing for the community were presented for input. Option #1 would have the fencing run through the community and would run along NDOW ROW, which would remove the wildlife from the highway and increase human safety. This would require the addition of cattle guards or gates at access roads. This is the most desirable option.

Option #2 would have the fencing run along the highway through the community except that the fence would end at the edge of the community. This would require warning systems at the edge of the fencing. This option is less desirable as the wildlife may become concentrated around the town and create more problems than current conditions. Options #3 would require fencing to be placed all around and behind private properties in the community. This option would require additional partnerships with BLM and USFS and extensive environmental investigations. This is NDOW's least desirable option as it would place the fencing along federal lands and would limit public access. Fencing options include 8 foot chain link or 8 foot fabric fencing.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

AGENCY & STAFF REPORTS

Meggan Holzer, Rural Towns Liaison
No reports at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.